

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE**

TEMSA ULAŞIM ARAÇLARI SANAYİ)
VE TİCARET A.Ş.,)

Plaintiff,)

v.)

Civil Action No. _____

CH BUS SALES LLC f/k/a)
CH TRADING COMPANY,)

Defendants.)

DEFENDANT’S NOTICE OF REMOVAL

Defendant CH Bus Sales LLC f/k/a CH Trading Company (“Defendant”), by its undersigned counsel, hereby removes the civil action captioned *Temsa Ulaşım Araçları Sanayi ve Ticaret A.Ş. v. CH Bus Sales LLC f/k/a CH Trading Company*, C.A. No. 2018-0261-SG filed on April 9, 2018 in the Delaware Court of Chancery (the “State Court Action”) to this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1446. Copies of the process and pleadings served on Defendant in the State Court Action, including a copy of the complaint (the “Complaint”), are attached as Exhibit A.

Background

1. On April 9, 2018, Plaintiff Temsa Ulaşım Araçları Sanayi ve Ticaret A.Ş. (“Plaintiff”) commenced this action against Defendant in the Delaware Court of Chancery.

2. Defendant was served with the Complaint on April 11, 2018 and filed this notice of removal within the 30-day time period provided by 28 U.S.C. § 1446(b).

3. The claims set forth in the Complaint allegedly arise out of certain agreements entered into by the parties, including a Distribution Agreement entered into by the parties on February 2, 2010 and amendments thereto, as well as a Security Agreement entered into on January

5, 2016. Specifically, the Complaint includes claims for (i) declaratory relief, (ii) specific performance, and (iii) imposition of a constructive trust.

Basis for Removal

4. Removal is proper because there is complete diversity between the parties. 28 U.S.C. § 1332(a); 28 U.S.C. § 1441(b). As set forth below, Plaintiff is a citizen of the Republic of Turkey, and Defendant is a citizen of the States of Nevada, Minnesota, and California.

5. Plaintiff is a foreign corporation organized under the laws of the Republic of Turkey. Defendant is a limited liability company organized under the laws of the State of Delaware. For purposes of diversity jurisdiction, federal courts look to the citizenship of an LLC's members to establish the citizenship of the LLC itself. *Lincoln Benefit Life Co. v. AEI Life, LLC*, 800 F.3d 99, 104-105 (3d Cir. 2015) (internal quotations omitted) (citizenship of LLC is determined by citizenship of its members). Defendant has five members, each of whom is an individual. Those individuals are citizens of the following states: Nevada, Minnesota, and California. Two members are citizens of Nevada, another two members are citizens of Minnesota, and the remaining member is a citizen of California. Defendant is therefore a citizen of Nevada, Minnesota, and California.

6. The amount in controversy exceeds \$75,000. Plaintiff has sought equitable relief in the State Court Action, including injunctive and declaratory relief. These types of requests are valued by looking to the value of the object of the litigation. *BBDova, L.L.C. v. Auto. Techs., Inc.*, 2005 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 7451, at *7 (D. Del. Feb. 25, 2005) (“the Supreme Court has decided that when a complaint does not explicitly quantify the value of the remedy sought, such as when declaratory or injunctive relief is requested, the court must look elsewhere to determine the ‘value of the object of the litigation.’”); *see also Barbiero v. Kaufman*, 580 Fed. App’x. 107, 110 (3d Cir.

2014) (“Where, as here, a plaintiff seeks injunctive relief, ‘the amount in controversy is measured by the value of the right sought to be protected by the equitable relief.’”). Thus, “[t]he value of the object of the litigation is the amount in controversy.” *BBDova*, 2005 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 7451, at *7. Moreover, when seeking the imposition of a constructive trust, if the value of the rights to be impounded exceeds \$75,000, such could be the basis for satisfying the amount in controversy. *Louis Dolente & Sons v. U.S. Fidelity & Guaranty Corp.*, 252 F. Supp. 2d 178, 180 (E.D. Pa. Mar. 24, 2003) (citing *Feldman v. New York Life Ins. Co.*, 1998 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 2301, n.2 (E.D. Pa. Mar. 14, 1998)).

7. Here, Plaintiff seeks injunctive and declaratory relief, as well as the imposition of a constructive trust relating to certain products and collateral, which include motor coaches and spare parts manufactured by Plaintiff. Plaintiff’s requested injunction seeks to enjoin Defendant from taking certain actions, including: (i) “Moving the Products and the Collateral from its current locations;” (ii) “Renting the Products and the Collateral to any party;” (iii) “Taking any action to detriment [sic] of the Property and the Collateral;” (iv) “Withholding proceeds from the sale of the Products and the Collateral;” and (v) “Taking any action to disparage, tarnish, or impugn Temsa’s good will and professional reputation.” This relief is directed towards the alleged protection of the Products and Collateral.¹ The declaratory relief sought is similarly geared towards the alleged protection and return of the Products and Collateral, as Plaintiff seeks declarations that, among other things (i) “Defendant is prohibited from using the Products and Collateral for any purpose without Temsa’s written consent;” (ii) “Defendant is prohibited from moving the Products or Collateral from the locations designated in the Security Agreement or otherwise concealing the

¹ The capitalized terms “Products” and “Collateral” shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Complaint.

existence and/or location of the Products and Collateral from Temsa;” and (iii) “Defendant is obligated to turn over the Products and Collateral to Temsa, or in the alternative, Temsa is authorized to compel turnover or recovery of the Products and the Collateral.”

8. Thus, the Products and Collateral – which include motor coaches and spare parts manufactured by Plaintiff – are the objects of the litigation. Individually, each motor coach has a value exceeding \$75,000. Plaintiff ultimately is seeking the return of multiple motor coaches to it and/or the imposition of a constructive trust over the Products and Collateral. Therefore, the amount in controversy in the litigation exceeds \$75,000.

The Procedural Requirements for Removal Are Met

9. Accordingly, this action is removable to this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1441(b) and (c).

10. Copies of all pleadings, process, orders, and other filings in the State Court Action are attached to this notice as required by 28 U.S.C. § 1446(a).

11. Defendant will promptly file a copy of this notice of removal with the clerk of the Delaware Court of Chancery where the suit has been pending. *See* 28 U.S.C. §§ 1446(a), (d).

Conclusion

12. Defendant asks that the Court remove this suit to the United States District Court for the District of Delaware pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1332, 1441, and 1446.

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CIVIL COVER SHEET

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I. (a) PLAINTIFFS

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CH Bus Sales LLC f/k/a CH Trading Company

County of Residence of First Listed Defendant
(IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY)

NOTE: IN LAND CONDEMNATION CASES, USE THE LOCATION OF
THE TRACT OF LAND INVOLVED.

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II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

- ☐ 1 U.S. Government Plaintiff
- ☐ 2 U.S. Government Defendant
- ☐ 3 Federal Question
(U.S. Government Not a Party)
- ☒ 4 Diversity
(Indicate Citizenship of Parties in Item III)

III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES (Place an "X" in One Box for Plaintiff and One Box for Defendant)

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| Citizen or Subject of a Foreign Country | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 | Foreign Nation | <input type="checkbox"/> 6 | <input type="checkbox"/> 6 |

IV. NATURE OF SUIT (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

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CONTRACT	TORTS	FORFEITURE/PENALTY	BANKRUPTCY	OTHER STATUTES	
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V. ORIGIN (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

- ☐ 1 Original Proceeding
- ☒ 2 Removed from State Court
- ☐ 3 Remanded from Appellate Court
- ☐ 4 Reinstated or Reopened
- ☐ 5 Transferred from Another District (specify)
- ☐ 6 Multidistrict Litigation - Transfer
- ☐ 8 Multidistrict Litigation - Direct File

VI. CAUSE OF ACTION

Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filing (Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity):
28 U.S.C. Sections 1332, 1441(a) and 1446(a)

Brief description of cause:
Action in equity based on breach of contract

VII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT:

☐ CHECK IF THIS IS A CLASS ACTION UNDER RULE 23, F.R.Cv.P.

DEMAND \$

CHECK YES only if demanded in complaint:

JURY DEMAND: ☒ Yes ☐ No**VIII. RELATED CASE(S) IF ANY**

(See instructions):

JUDGE

DOCKET NUMBER

DATE

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